

See Supervisor Yaroslavsky's Motion

See Chief Administrative Officer's Memo

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

NOVEMBER 12, 2003

On October 16, 2003, the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) unanimously voted to grant INFO LINE the use of the 2-1-1- dialing code for health and human services information and referral services in Los Angeles County. This is a major programmatic and fiscal endeavor for delivering vital health and human services to the 10 million residents of Los Angeles County.

Prior to INFO LINE's application approval by the PUC, INFO LINE submitted a comprehensive 2-1-1 business plan to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Together, INFO LINE and the CAO's staff are conducting programmatic and financial analyses for a successful implementation of the 2-1-1 system in Los Angeles County. County staff will soon report to the Board on the expected costs and possible funding sources for 2-1-1.

Presently, S. 1630 and H.R. 3111, both known as the "Calling for 2-1-1- Act of 2003" are pending in Congress. Both bills seek to make the 2-1-1 telephone service available nationwide by proposing to award federal grants to each state to establish the 2-1-1 telephone service. The proposed federal funds will assist in the rapid deployment and maintenance of the 2-1-1 telephone service in Los Angeles County and the state of California.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County congressional delegation supporting S. 1630 and H.R. 3111 and instruct the County's federal legislative advocates to assist with the successful passage of both legislative bills.

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**MOTION TO SUPPORT S. 1630 (CLINTON, D-NY) AND H.R. 3111 (BURR, R-NC),
THE CALLING FOR 2-1-1 ACT OF 2003 (ITEM NO. 3, AGENDA OF
NOVEMBER 18, 2003)**

Item No. 3 on the November 18, 2003 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky that the Board send a five-signature letter to the County Congressional Delegation supporting S. 1630 (Clinton, D-NY) and H.R. 3111 (Burr, R-NC), the Calling for 2-1-1 Act of 2003, and instructing the County's legislative advocates to assist in the successful passage of both bills.

S. 1630 and H.R. 3111 are identical bills that would authorize the appropriation of \$200 million in 2004 and such sums as are necessary in each of the years from 2005 through 2009 for grants to facilitate the availability of a nationwide 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services. The Federal funds would be administered by the Department of Commerce, which has jurisdiction over telecommunications. Funds are to be allocated in a way to ensure that a grant can be awarded to every state that seeks a grant. Grants would require a 50 percent non-Federal match, which could be provided by a state, local agency, non-profit, or private/corporate source. The bills also establish requirements for lead agencies, applications for grants and subgrants, and standards for use of the grants.

The bills are supported by the United Way and the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems. According to the United Way, 2-1-1 service was introduced in Atlanta in 1997. Now, the service is available in 22 states, serving 65 million people, but only four have statewide 2-1-1 systems.

S. 1630 was introduced on September 17, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. H.R. 3111 was also introduced on September 17, 2003 and it was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. On October 6, 2003, H.R. 3111 was referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. To date, no hearings have been held and no other action has been taken on either bill.

Support for S. 1630 and H.R. 3111 is consistent with the Board's action on August 12, 2003 to send a five-signature letter to the California Public Utilities Commission expressing strong support for the concept of a 2-1-1 system.

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